



EVERGREEN QUAKE

EXERCISE NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE CORE

Spring is almost upon us which means not only better weather (hopefully), but also that STARTEX is just around the corner!

In the months ahead, the region's city and county exercise designers will be working diligently to finalize the Functional Exercise Master Scenario Events List (MSEL) as well as solidifying their respective exercise control and evaluation systems; the Recovery TTX team will conduct two more seminars – on Telecommunications Restoration and Regional Recovery, respectively – as well as continue the design of the table-top exercises occurring this summer; and, the LOGEX design team will forge ahead with local, state, and federal venue preparation for this first regional test of the disaster logistics supply-chain! All the while, those serving on the External Affairs and Training Subcommittees will be continuing their work of providing outstanding support to ensure the exercise design teams and exercise players have the tools they need to be successful.



Maj. Gen Timothy Lowenberg, WA Adjutant General, Jim Mullen, WA EMD Director, and FEMA R10 Administrator, Ken Murphy (three center) and EQES Core Group members: Grant Tietje, Seattle OEM, Tamara Doherty, Snohomish Co. DEM, Terry Egan, WA EMD, and Dianne Newman, RCPGP, participate in the EQES In-Progress Review meeting on February 15, 2012.

On behalf of the entire Evergreen Quake team, we would like to welcome our partners to the north, Emergency Management British Columbia (EMBC), who will be participating in the Evergreen Quake Exercise Series under the Pacific Northwest Emergency Management Arrangement. We greatly appreciate the support and assistance of EMBC and look forward to increased collaboration.

As we move closer to STARTEX, exercise design preparations will undoubtedly begin to quicken. As they do, please remember that all your time, energy, and hard-work devoted to the planning and design of Evergreen Quake is appreciated....and vitally important to our region!

Respectfully,

Your EQES Interagency Working Committee (Core Group): Terry Egan, WA EMD; Grant Tietje, Seattle OEM; Tamara Doherty, Snohomish County DEM; Bryan Heartsfield, King County DEM; Jody Woodcock, Pierce County DEM; and, Patrick Massey, FEMA.

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RECOVERY TABLETOP EXERCISE DESIGN TEAM

The design of the Recovery Tabletop Exercise is progressing with extraordinary input from all involved. Two changes - The first tabletop is moved to August 8. We are changing the date to accommodate the annual Northwest Tribal Emergency Management Council Public Health Preparedness Conference, which is the week of August 14-15 at Little Creek Casino Resort. The second tabletop for Senior Elected and Appointed Officials remains on track for August 22. Also, we are rescheduling the Capitalization (Funding) of Recovery Seminar for mid-July to allow for a wider spectrum of presenters.

A huge thank you to Lise Northey, Diane Newman, and Kathy Gleaves for producing a very successful Transportation and Utilities Recovery Seminar in February. Particular recognition goes to Bill Lokey for his superb flair at facilitating a comprehensive and well-targeted workshop. The stage was set by outstanding keynote addresses by Mary Robinson, Puget Sound Energy, Kevin Dayton, P.E., Washington State Dept of Transportation, and Jim Mullen, Washington Emergency Management Division. Mary spoke about the success of the recent weather power response, due primarily to a well-coordinated response plan, in collaboration with multiple utilities, agencies and public

departments. Kevin emphasized the need for recovery planning and some of the lessons he has learned from over 30 years in the transportation business. Jim outlined the state's strategy for building a collaborative recovery



Participants at Recovery Seminar 2: 'Transportation and Utilities Recovery' collaborate in a simulated exercise to establish post-disaster recovery priorities (February 2012).

framework, based on successful disaster recoveries across the country and the globe. At lunch, Charles Eadie, the "Recovery Incident Commander" for Santa Cruz, provided us with very sober lessons his city learned after the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake. He addressed the many challenges of recovery for a city with such a vibrant central core business district that was suddenly shut down. He then walked the audience through lessons learned by his city staff and various strategies implemented by Santa Cruz.

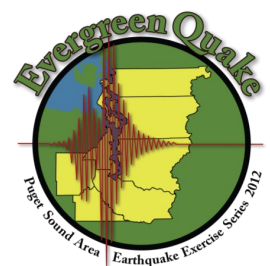
As a reminder to Evergreen Quake's local jurisdictions, please contact your critical communications staff

and place a "save-the-date" for April 6, when the National Communications System will join with us to conduct a Telecommunications Restoration and Recovery Seminar. Space is limited, so we would ask that you be

selective in forwarding your invitations initially to those that support your jurisdiction's IT/information operations, emergency operations center, and/or public safety communications center. The EQES 12 Recovery Team is pleased to announce two iterations of the upcoming Community Recovery Seminar. On April 25, the Seminar will be conducted in the South Sound at the McGavick Conference Center, Clover Park

Technical College, Lakewood. This all-day Seminar will be repeated at the Tulalip Resort Casino, Marysville, on April 26.

For questions contact co-leads Lit Dudley, Washington EMD at l.dudley@emd.wa.gov, or Jason Biermann, Snohomish County Department of Emergency Management at Jason.Biermann@co.snohomish.wa.us.



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FUNCTIONAL EXERCISE DESIGN TEAM

The Functional Exercise (FE) Design Team has been working diligently the last few months to complete the development of various exercise documents. We are pleased to announce that the Warm-Start Situation Report document and the Exercise Plan (ExPlan) have both been finalized. We encourage all exercise designers to disseminate these documents widely to all exercise players. It is recommended that all participants read through the Warm-Start Situation Report to become knowledgeable of the simulated activities that took place during the first 24-hours as well as the ExPlan to obtain the information needed to participate in the exercise.

**Evergreen Quake Functional
Exercise: June 5-6, 2012**

With March on the horizon, we are coming to the March 14th final submittal date for all exercise injects! This is a significant date because it is one of the last steps to finalizing the Master Scenario Events



Sandy Johnson, Thurston County OEM, and leaders of the Functional Exercise Design Team discuss exercise injects development (February 2012).

List (MSEL). After the injects have been consolidated in the MSEL, the FE Design Team will bring the Trusted Agents together from all levels to conduct a final MSEL

Synchronization Conference this Spring.

The FE Design Team is also focusing its efforts on the development of the Controller and Evaluator Handbook, which will contain guidance and instructions on how the control and evaluation of the exercise will be conducted. Communities are now working to determine their respective staffing requirements for Exercise Controllers, Evaluators, and Simulators. Finally, guidance on the development of the exercise After Action Report is in development.

For more information please contact the Functional Exercise Design Team Co-Leads, Brittany Minker, Washington State EMD at b.minker@emd.wa.gov, or Stephen Simerly, FEMA Region X at stephen.simerly@fema.dhs.gov.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE

The External Affairs Subcommittee is starting to heat up as we get closer and closer to the exercises. Since the last newsletter, we have developed a media plan for the overall Evergreen Exercise Series, and will be putting some finishing touches on the specific media plan for the Logistics Exercise, which will be our 'crown jewel' for the media out of all the events.

The Logistics Exercise will allow media from each of the participating counties to choose which 'Community Points of Distribution' they are either closest to or most interested in, from Friday Harbor

to Olympia, to tell their story. The External Affairs group has also developed the draft script for the video newscast for Day 1 of the Functional Exercise, as well as most of the script for the audio newscast for Day 2 (the audio script will be completed the night of Day 1 and will distribute the specifics that came from the exercise play during that day). A VIP observer plan for the Functional Exercise is also in development.

Additionally, in concurrence with the FE Design Team, there will be a standalone media simulation cell that we will be recruiting

experienced PIOs for in the next month or so. The location of the media simulation cell will be at the FE Master Control Cell on Camp Murray.

If you know of any PIOs that will not be participating in the Evergreen Earthquake Functional Exercise, and may be interested in this, please contact Wendy Freitag w.Freitag@emd.wa.gov or Sheri Badger sbadger@co.pierce.wa.us.

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TRAINING SUBCOMMITTEE

In preparation for the Functional Exercise, the Training Subcommittee produced a new document covering the most recommended online training opportunities for participants and players. The Subcommittee has identified one online independent study course for each of the eleven FE Regional Objectives. You can find the document here: <http://www.emd.wa.gov/trainingdocumentsEQESOnlineOpportunitiesByFEObjective.pdf>.

The Training Subcommittee recently hosted the FEMA 154/ATC 20: Rapid



The FEMA-154: Rapid Visual Screening of Buildings for Potential Seismic Hazards and ATC-20: Post-Earthquake Safety Evaluation of Building Course was conducted in Everett (above) and Lacey, WA in February.

Visual Screening of Buildings for Potential Seismic Hazards and Procedures for Post Earthquake Safety Evaluation of Buildings

course in both Everett and Lacey for 180 students.

The Training Subcommittee is continuing to update and add new course offerings to the Training Guide each month, so make sure to review each month's offerings that are annotated with "**NEW**" in the title box. Please contact either of the Subcommittee Co-Leads with any questions: James Yates, Washington State EMD at j.yates@emd.wa.gov or Adina Pease, FEMA Region X at adina.pease@fema.dhs.gov.

LOGISTICS EXERCISE DESIGN TEAM

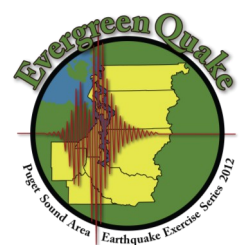
As the Evergreen Quake Logistics Exercise (LOGEX) gets closer, there are a few updates in the planning to report. FEMA has identified Joint Base Lewis McChord as the Federal Staging Area Site for the exercise along with the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). The USACE will also be installing a generator at a facility in the vicinity to provide emergency power as part of the exercise and conducting hundreds of emergency power assessments at critical facilities. As a contingency, the Exercise Planning Team is working with the Washington State De-

partment of Enterprise Services to provide palletized mock commodities for exercise play. In Kitsap County, the Suquamish Tribe will provide a Community Point of Distribution (CPOD) site, which will be operated by Transportation Security Administration (TSA) personnel. The TSA personnel will be airlifted by the 214th General Support Aviation Battalion from the Sea-Tac Airport to Suquamish and back. In Marysville, volunteers from the Tulalip Tribes and Snohomish County will operate a CPOD at the Navy Support Complex Smokey Point. Members of the External Affairs Committee are developing a plan to give media representative and VIPs insight to logistics operations at different federal, state,

and local venues. Finally, thanks to the contributions from all communities playing in the LOGEX, the Design Team is close to finalizing and publishing the ExPlan.

For more information on the Evergreen Quake 2012 Logistics Exercise, contact either of the co-leads: Gretchen Martinsen, FEMA Region X, gretchen.martinsen@dhs.gov, or Chris Utzinger, Washington Emergency Management Division, c.utzinger@emd.wa.gov.

**Evergreen Quake LOGEX:
June 12-14, 2012**



UPCOMING EVENTS

The following are some of the major upcoming EQES preparation events. For information on other community-specific exercise design team meetings, please contact your city or county design team lead or any of the EQES co-leads.

- ◆ March 8- FE Design Team Meeting
- ◆ March 8- Recovery TTX Design Team Meeting
- ◆ March 14- Final Submittal date for all Functional Exercise Injects from participating EOCs
- ◆ March 20- External Affairs Subcommittee Meeting
- ◆ March 20- LOGEX Design Team Meeting
- ◆ March 21- Core and Co-leads Meeting
- ◆ March 24- CPOD Managers Course - Kitsap County
- ◆ March 28- CPOD Managers Course (for TSA personnel) – Camp Murray
- ◆ April 4- CPOD Managers Course - Snohomish County
- ◆ April 5- Recovery TTX Design Team Meeting
- ◆ April 5- FE Design Team Meeting
- ◆ April 6-Telecommunications Recovery Seminar 3 (Seattle)
- ◆ April 14- Movement Coordination Center (MCC) Course - Camp Murray
- ◆ April 17- External Affairs Subcommittee Meeting
- ◆ April 17- LOGEX MSEL Conference
- ◆ April 18- Core and Co-leads Meeting
- ◆ April 25- Long Term Community Recovery Seminar 4 (Pierce County Offering)
- ◆ April 26- Long Term Community Recovery Seminar 4 (Snohomish County Offering)
- ◆ May 3- Functional Exercise (FE) Final Planning Conference (FPC)
- ◆ May 15- LOGEX Final Planning Conference (FPC)

